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AUTOZONE ROBBERY SERIES

RIVERSIDE, CA – On March 21, 2018, the Riverside Sheriff's Department responded to the AutoZone business located in the 1500 block of South San Jacinto Avenue, in the city of San Jacinto, regarding an armed robbery. The investigation revealed two masked gunmen entered the store. One held the employees at bay with an AR-15 style rifle, while the second suspect robbed the business of cash.

Over the course of the next several months, other AutoZones in Riverside and San Bernardino counties were robbed in a similar fashion. AutoZones in the cities of Riverside, Grand Terrace, Menifee, San Bernardino, Jurupa Valley, Perris, Hemet and Redlands were robbed. The city of Riverside was robbed the most with eight such robberies.

Detectives from the Riverside Police Department, Riverside Sheriff's Department, San Bernardino Sheriff's Department, San Bernardino Police Department, Redlands Police Department, Hemet Police Department and the Fontana Police Department collaborated by sharing intelligence. Additionally, they met with AutoZone Loss Prevention and Crime Analyst to develop a forecast and a plan of action.

On December 12, 2018, the Fontana Police Department conducted surveillances at the AutoZones located in their city. They were assisted by members of their Rapid Response Team (RRT), the Multi Enforcement Team (MET) and patrol officers. At about 8PM, they interrupted the suspects as they attempted to rob the AutoZone located in the 14000 block of Baseline Avenue, in the city of Fontana. The suspects led officers in a vehicle pursuit, which terminated in the city of Rancho Cucamonga with one suspect in



custody. During the pursuit, a loaded AR-15 rifle was discarded from the vehicle. It was later recovered.

Over the course of the next day and a half, detectives from all involved agencies worked the cases together, which culminated with the arrests of three additional suspects. Subsequently, search warrants were served on multiple locations and additional evidence linking the suspects to the robberies was located.

Daeon Raishawn Cox, a 19-year-old resident of Moreno Valley, was booked into West Valley Detention Center. Dashon Raymond White, a 24-year-old resident of Moreno Valley, was booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center. Jada Shardae Allen, an 18-year-old residence of Perris, was booked into Central Detention Center. The fourth suspect, a juvenile, was booked into Juvenile Hall. His identity is being withheld due to his age. All were charged with multiple counts of conspiracy, robbery and kidnapping in the commission of a robbery. If convicted, they could face life in prison, with or without the possibility of parole.

To date, detectives have connected these suspects to (17) AutoZone robberies; however, that number is expected to rise. The investigation remains ongoing and it is believed they may be responsible for robberies at other businesses.

The successful arrests of these dangerous individuals could not have been achieved without the hard work and cooperation between all the agencies involved. Anyone who may have additional information regarding the robberies or these suspects is encouraged to contact their respective Police Department representative at the following contacts:

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